

To: Natural Resources House Committee
From: Michigan Boating Industries Association
Ref: House Bill No. 5563

My name is Ray Underwood and I am here today with Bret Marr representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association in support of HB 5563 which proposes to address the issue of towing vessels abandoned in the State of Michigan.

Our association supports this legislation to address the problem of vessels being abandon on private or public property without the owner's permission.

Note:

*****There is a slight concern with **Section 2, sub-section (C) line 16**, which as written would allow the immediate towing of a vessel unless the owner or owners agent has custody. It is our understanding that an amendment will be offered to mirror the towing of a disabled vehicle parked on a state trunk line highway.

While the Michigan Boating Industries Association supports this bill, we would like to call the sponsor and the committee's attention to another form of "**abandoned vessel**" that is **not addressed in HB 5563**.

That being a "**towable or non-towable vessels abandoned in storage**" while at a marina or marine dealership in Michigan.

Thank you!